

**Exeter Public Library  
Trustees Meeting  
January 22, 2019**

Present: S. Canty, L. Haslam, M. LaFreniere, D. Leonard, M. McEntee, L. Wilson, B. Young, L. Wyskiel, H. Godino

**Call to Order: 6:01**

Barbara opened the meeting with a roll call. She read a letter from Jean Grout thanking the Trustees for her gift at her retirement party.

**Minutes of the Previous Meeting:** The minutes of the November 2018 meeting were accepted.

**Director's Report:**

Family Storytimes for all ages are held every Monday at 10 am and Thursday at 11 am. They are going very well with new families joining us. We have added an evening Family Story Time every other Thursday evening at 6:30 pm. Preschool story time for ages 3 yrs. old & up are held every Tuesday and Wednesday at 10:00 am and 2:00 pm. Open Art is held every Monday and Friday from 11:30-4:30 pm and is open to all ages. Materials and instructions are provided.

Children's Book Groups will meet on February 9 and February 16 to discuss the following books.

Age 6	(we keep this title as a surprise for the children)
Age 7	<u>Desmond Cole Ghost Patrol</u>
Age 8	<u>Next Best Junior Chef</u>
Age 9 & 10	<u>Double Cross</u>

The Lego Club for ages 8 and up meets the first Thursday of month at 4 pm; the theme for February is to recreate a historical event. The Hand Sewing Group will meet on Monday February 11 at 3:30 pm instead of February 18 because of the holiday. Some of the children are making tote bags and some are making stuffed animals.

During February vacation we will have Open Art from 10 every day and an ongoing scavenger hunt with prizes for all plus some surprises.

On Tuesday, February 12 at 6:30 pm, Detective Bruce Page and Officer Michael O'Connor of the Exeter Police Department and Assistant Attorney General Brandon Garod will present "Fraud Watch", a program concerning the latest scams in the local communities and around the world.

Author Michael Cameron Ward will be here on Tuesday, February 26 at 6:30 pm to talk about and sign his book A Colored Man in Exeter, to help us celebrate Black History Month.

Tech Teach continues to draw seniors to the library for 45-minute tech sessions every 1<sup>st</sup> Monday and last Friday of the month. Our adult seasonal craft table invites adults to make festive pens to use all winter long.

Teens continue to attend the library's Thursday after school program, EPL LOVES YA. In February the program will have a Mardi Gras Party, Valentine's Day Chocolate Making, a Library Scavenger Hunt and Board Games plus Bagels.

On Saturday February 9<sup>th</sup> the Teen book groups will meet to discuss Refugee, The Port Chicago 50 and Illuminea. In January the first Magic Club met where teens ages 11-18 play the card game, Magic the Gathering. The Club will meet the first Tuesday of each month afterschool until 5 pm.

The Teen Advisory Board (TAB), a volunteer teen advisory group began in January and will meet the last Monday of the month from 3:30 -4:30 pm. The Teen Scene held its first Teen Study Hall this month on January 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>. The theme was Hogwarts Study Hall and the library provided Harry Potter-themed snacks and extra power cords for group project work. The event was a success with over 20 attendees and we will repeat it for Finals Week in June.

The library will celebrate Black History Month with interactive book displays in both our Teen and Adult collections.

Evening Book Group meets the second Wednesday of the month at 6:30 pm will discuss Killers of the Flower Moon on February 13. The Morning Book Group meets the third Wednesday of the month at 10 am and on February 20 will discuss Waiting for Sunrise. Please join us.

Book talks at various senior facilities continue to be very popular. We also bring books that can be checked out at the various facilities.

Movies are the first and third Monday of the month at 1 pm alternating newly released DVDs and classic films.

All library programs are free and open to the public

#### **Operating Statement:**

- Hope said that everything looks good for this time of year. There is nothing unusual. This is still not the real Operating Statement as we have to wait for the vote in March.
- The Annual Appeal has collected \$13,700 +/- so far. This is higher than normal.
- The Operating Statement was accepted.

#### **Building & Grounds:**

- The paper towel roll in the patron women's bathroom is broken and Hope will have it replaced.

#### **Finance & Fundraising:**

- Leslie asked why the Annual Appeal was higher this year. There could be many reasons, renovations, letter etc. but no one really knows.

#### **Long Range Plan:**

- The Bond Meeting went really well. The Selectmen are supporting the library's project.

- Thursday Night, January 24, the library will host an informational meeting with the project architect and engineer. All residents are invited to attend. This will be the first of two such meetings.

**Personnel and Policy:**

- Hope's evaluation was put on hold in order to rethink the process. Envelopes were passed out to all Trustees and Leslie asked to discuss this further in the Executive Session at the end of this meeting. So voted.

**Social: -0-**

**Friends:**

- The Friends are planning a Kid's Day on January 26 in the afternoon. They will have a movie, food, and crafts. This will be an afternoon off for parents.

**Continuing Business:**

- Barbara suggested adding a subcommittee called New Trustee Orientation Committee. Laura will be the Chair.
- On February 13, Laura will talk to the PTO about the renovation. She is waiting for a date from the Rotary Club. Leslie has been unsuccessful in contacting PEA. Martha passed out flyers downtown to the merchants. Barbara thinks all Trustees should write letters to the editor of the local newspapers. Steph will talk at the next Chamber meeting. Mary is planning on talking at Riverwoods. Martha is still trying to have a meeting at the Mill for the residents there. Lisa's husband, Michael, spoke for the renovation at a meeting of the staff at Exeter Hospital.
- The friends would be happy to put out signs in favor of the renovation. However, they have no money to purchase the signs. Maybe someone will donate the \$200 needed for them. The can't go out until after the Delib Session.
- Hope asked if the Trustees could come to the Informational meetings on January 24 and February 21.

**New Business: -0-**

According to RSA:91-A:3, the Trustees voted to go into Executive Session at 6:54 pm. They came out of Executive Session at 7:05 pm.

The Trustees voted to have a Special Meeting of the Trustees on February 5, 2019 at 6 pm in the Craft Room. The next regular meeting will be February 19 at 6 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 pm.

**Pam Darlington**